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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9649

INFO AMCONSUL DOUALA

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REF: STATE 228229

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, CM

SUBJ: TRAIN ACCIDENT IN CAMEROON

PER REFTEL REQUEST, FOLLOWING INFO AVAILABLE
ACCIDENT

INVOLVED COLLISION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BOUND TRAINS ON
DOUALA/YAOUNDE LINE. IT OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 2300
HOURS 9 SEPT 76 AT KILOMETER 25 BETWEEN PITTI AND JAPOMA
STATIONS. DOUALA BOUND TRAIN ORIGINATING FROM YAOUNDE
APPARENTLY DRIVEN BY INEBRIATED ENGINEER WHO PROCEEDED
DOWN LINE WITHOUT HAVING OBTAINED CLEARANCE FROM
DISPATCHER/CONTROLLER. WHEN QUERIED ON 17TH, REGIEFERCAM
OFFICIAL SAID FIVE (5) DEAD AND THIRTY-SIX (36) WOUNDED,
OF WHICH TEN (10) ARE STILL IN HOSPITAL. NEWSPAPERS REPORTED
SAME NUMBER DEAD BUT 43 WOUNDED. ON 14TH DEPUTY PROTOCOL
CHIEF MIKE KIMA TOLD CHARGE THERE ABOUT 100 DEAD, WHILE LOCAL
RUMORS CLAIM AS MANY AS THREE HUNDRED LOST LIVES. IN FACT,
NO ONE KNOWS EXACT NUMBER CASUALTIES. ACCORDING RNCF,
BOTH ENGINES DAMAGED BUT CAN BE REPAIRED, WHILE SIX CARS
WERE DAMAGED, 4 OF WHICH CAN BE REPAIRED.
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